Central Jail. Is it because there is not sufficient stock in the Jail that they cannot supply the whole quantity?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* No. We were not willing to give the whole quantity to them. We wanted to give a chance to industrial schools and co-operative societies also.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to see that the supply is not left to private competition, if these institutions are able to supply clothes at a reasonable rate?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* That has been the policy.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Last year it was Mr. Chakkola that supplied.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It was because he agreed to supply at a rate at which no one else was willing to give. The ruling principle of this department is this— cheapest consistant with quality. Wherever we can get the cheapest clothes, whether it be from a Government institution or a private institution, we go in for them, and the Protector is given the discretion to select on that principle.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Is it not also the object of the Government to see that the clothes made by these co-operative societies which are aided by Government are allowed to have a sale when Government themselves are purchasing clothes?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We will give all facilities, but not at the expense of the Depressed Classes. I won't do it. If they will give us at reasonable prices, then we will take them.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* For the purpose of expediting the supply, will Government be pleased to make enquiries with regard to the exact quantity which will be available in the quasi-Government and Government institutions beforehand so that arrangements may be made with other people for the rest?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We will do that.

DEPRESSED CLASS PUPILS—SUPPLY OF SCHOOL REQUISITES IN 1116—17

78. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state the names of firms, companies, or

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individuals who submitted their tenders for the supply of school requisites for Depressed Classes in compliance with the Protector's notification, dated 30th April 1941 appeared in Cochin Government Gazette (Labour Department), dated 21st Medam 1116.—

(*a*) Serial No.

(*b*) Name of firm or individual

(*c*) Tender reduction offered ;

With whom was the supply of school requisites entrusted as per the notification referred to above ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

S. No.	*Name of firm*	*Tender reduction*
1	Messrs. V. Sundara Ayyar and Sons, Trichur	17½ per cent less
2	Emmatty Bros., Trichur	1 per cent less for Text-books and 2½ per cent less for stationery

The tender of Messrs. V. Sundara Ayyar and Sons, Trichur, was accepted being the lower.

MUNDATHIKODE PANCHAYAT—ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS

79. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when did the last election to the Mundathikode Panchayat, Talappalli Taluk take place;

(*b*) the names of persons who were elected as Panchayatdars and the village each one represents ;

(*c*) who were nominated to this Panchayat and from which all villages ;

(*d*) whether any Ezhuva has been ever nominated to this Panchayat previously ; if so in which year?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) The elections for the Peringandur, Mundathikode, Parlikad and Mnalur villages under the Panchayat were over by 4th Kumbham 1116 while the election for Puduruthi village was over by 25th Kumbham 1116.

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